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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN RICHLAND COUNTY

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1975 Juvenile Arrest Survey by
Law Enforcement Agencies in Richland County

This survey reflects the updated Richland County area study of juvenile arrests. Richland County is served by four law enforcement agencies: Richland County Sheriff's Department, Columbia City Police Department, City of Forest Acres Police Department, and Eastover Police Department. The arrests from each of these law enforcement agencies are examined first in terms of age, race and sex. These figures are further compared to those obtained from 1971. An overall summary of the county's juvenile arrests is given then in terms of these same attributes. Not only is the net change over the years shown here, but a comparison of this change to per capita delinquency rate in this county is given. Per capita delinquency rate means adjusting the test of significance to include total population change and the number of juvenile arrests that year in Richland County. The figures obtained for this survey were for the 1975 Calendar Year.

Since a census was not available for 1975, the 1974 population estimate, given by the Regional Planning Commission, was used for this year. This estimate was assumed to be linearly distributed as far as age, race, and sex throughout the report.

Table I analyzes the 1974 population estimate for children in Richland County between the ages of seven and sixteen years inclusive. This approximates the upper and lower limits of children who might be considered juveniles and are processed in Family Courts or given special consideration because of their age. (See Table I)

TABLE I
Richland County
1974 Population Estimates

Age	Total All Race/Sex	% of County Pop.	W/M	% of Population of Age Group	% of Total County Pop.	W/F	% of Population of Age Group	% of Total County Pop.
7-10	18,274	7.330	5524	38.978	2.216	5251	38.758	2.106
11-12	9,333	3.744	2804	19.786	1.125	2834	20.918	1.137
13-14	9,437	3.785	2866	20.223	1.150	2786	20.564	1.118
15	4,860	1.949	1498	10.570	0.601	1386	10.231	0.556
16	4,638	1.860	1480	10.443	0.594	1291	9.529	0.518
Totals	46,542	18.669	14,172	100.000	5.685	13,548	100.000	5.434

TABLE I
Richland County
1974 Population Estimates

Age	B/M	% of Population of Age Group	% of Total County Pop.	B/F	% of Population of Age Group	% of Total County Pop.	Total Males	Total Females
7-10	3,689	39.662	1.480	3,745	39.972	1.502	9,241	9,033
11-12	1,780	19.138	0.714	1,875	20.013	0.752	4,603	4,730
13-14	1,815	19.514	0.728	1,941	20.717	0.779	4,698	4,739
15	1,034	11.117	0.415	936	9.990	0.375	2,534	2,326
16	983	10.569	0.394	872	9.308	0.350	2,470	2,168
Totals	9,301	100.000	3.731	9,369	100.000	3.758	23,546	22,996

The age range of 7 through 16 years accounts for 18.7% of the total population in Richland County. Within this age range, 60% or 27,720 were white while 40% or 18,670 were black. Table I reflects the details of the white and black distribution by age and sex.

Table II summarizes the arrests of juveniles by the Richland County Sheriff's Department for the 1975 calendar year. This Department arrested a total of 998 children in this group. This number represents a 23.4% increase over the number of arrests (809) made by this agency during 1971. During 1975, 44 of the arrests consisted of 7-10 year olds, 129 of 11-12, 336 of 13-14, 242 of 15, and 247 of 16 year olds. Ages 15 and 16 years alone accounted for 49% of the total arrests made by the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

Reference is directed to the number of children arrested per 100,000 population. The total of 998 children arrested is equivalent to 2,144 arrests per 100,000 children in the age group 7 through 16 years. Based on the entire county population reduced to a 100,000 index, this is equivalent to 400 arrests per 100,000 population. (See Table II)

Table III analyzes the juvenile arrests by the Richland County Sheriff's Department by sexual distribution. Seven hundred sixty-seven (767) or 77% of the total arrests were males, while 231 or 23% of the arrests were females, indicating that males were arrested at a rate of 3.32 times that of females. During 1971, males accounted for 82% of the arrests, while females accounted for 18%. Hence, it is noted that, proportionally, females were arrested at a 5% higher rate during 1975. In Richland County, 3.257% of all males between the ages of 7 and 16 years were arrested by this Department during 1975. This is equivalent to 3,257 arrests per 100,000. Only 1.004% of all the females in this age group were arrested. This is equivalent to 1,004 per 100,000. (See Table III)

TABLE II
 Richland County Sheriff's Office
 Juvenile Arrests
 1975 Calendar Year

Age	Total Arrests All Race and Sex	% of Total Arrested Age 7-16	Number of Children in County Population	% of Children This Age Arrested	Number of Children per 100,000	% of County Population Arrested	Number Arrested Total County Pop. per 100,000
7-10	44	4.40	18,274	0.241	241.0	0.018	18.0
11-12	129	12.93	9,333	1.382	1382.0	0.052	52.0
13-14	336	33.67	9,437	3.560	3560.0	0.135	135.0
15	242	24.25	4,860	4.979	4979.0	0.097	97.0
16	247	24.75	4,638	5.326	5326.0	0.099	99.0
Totals for Entire County	998	100.00	46,542	2.144	2144.0	0.400	400.0

TABLE III
Juvenile Arrests
Richland County Sheriff's Office
1975 Calendar Year

Age	Male	Number of Males in County Pop.	Percentage of Children This Sex Arrested	Number per 100,000	Female	Number of Females in County Pop.	Percentage of Children This Sex Arrested	Number per 100,000
7-10	40	9,241	0.433	433	4	9,033	0.044	44
11-12	100	4,603	2.172	2172	29	4,730	0.613	613
13-14	266	4,698	5.662	5662	70	4,739	1.477	1477
15	180	2,534	7.103	7103	62	2,326	2.666	2666
16	181	2,470	7.328	7328	66	2,168	3.044	3044
Totals for Entire County	767	23,546	3.257	3257	231	22,996	1.004	1004

Table IV analyzes juvenile arrests by the Richland County Sheriff's Department during the 1975 calendar year in terms of race. There were no records available by age in terms of race. Only the total number of arrests for each race was available. Five hundred sixty (560) or 56% of the children arrested between the ages of 7 and 16 were white, while 438 or 44% were black. During 1971, whites accounted for 63% of the arrests made by this agency while blacks accounted for 37%. Thus, it appears that blacks were arrested at a 7% higher rate during 1975 than in 1971. In Richland County 2.02% of all white children of this age group were arrested by this Department, which is equivalent to 2,020 arrests per 100,000 population; 2.346% of all black children in this age group were arrested which is equivalent to 2,346 per 100,000. Although white children were arrested at a rate of 1.3 times that of black children, the black children arrested accounted for a higher percentage of the black population in this age group. (See Table IV)

Table V summarizes juvenile arrests made by the Columbia City Police Department during the 1975 calendar year. This Department made a total of 1,272 arrests of children between the ages of 7 and 16 years. This figure represents a 54.2% increase over the number of arrests (825) made by this agency during 1971. The percentage of children arrested in the county ages 7 through 16 years during 1975 was 2.733%, which is equivalent to 273 arrests per 100,000 population. Using 100,000 as an index based upon the total county population, the total number of children arrested in this age group was 510 per 100,000. During 1975, 91 or 7.154% of the arrests made by the Columbia City Police Department consisted of children in the 7-10 years age group, 132 or 10.4% in the 11-12, 405 or 31.8% in the 13-14, 284 or 22.3% in the 15, and 360 or 28.3%

TABLE IV
 Juvenile Arrests
 Race Distribution
 Richland County Sheriff's Office
 1975 Calendar Year

Age 7-16	White	Number of Children This Race in County	Percentage of Children This Race Arrested	Number per 100,000	Black	Number of Children This Race in County	Percentage of Children This Race Arrested	Number per 100,000
Totals for Entire County	560	27,720	2.020	2,020	438	18,670	2.346	2,346

in the 16-year age group. Ages 15 and 16 accounted for 644 or 50.6% of the total arrests made by this Department. (See Table V)

Table VI analyzes the juvenile arrests by the Columbia City Police Department in terms of sex. One thousand nine (1,009) or 79.3% of the total arrests made were males, while 263 or 20.7% were females. During 1971, males accounted for 75.4% while females accounted for 24.6%, indicating a 4.1% proportional increase in the number of male arrests made during 1975. In Richland County, during 1975, 4.285% of all males in this age group were arrested by this Department, which is equivalent to 4,285 per 100,000 population. Only 1.144% of the females of this age group were arrested, which is equivalent to 1,144 arrests per 100,000 population. (See Table VI)

Table VII reflects the race distribution of the juvenile arrests made by the Columbia City Police Department during 1975. No age breakdown in terms of race was available for this Department. Four hundred seventy-one (471) or 37% of all the arrests made were white, while 801 or 63% were black, indicating that black children were arrested at a rate 1.7 times that of white children. During 1971, whites accounted for 41.4% of the arrests, while blacks accounted for 58.6%; thus, indicating a 4.4% proportional increase in the number of blacks arrested during 1975 by this Department. In Richland County, 1.699% of all white children in this age group were arrested by this Department, while 4.29% of all black children were arrested. The difference in the arrest rates in terms of race between the Sheriff's Department and City Police might be explained by the fact that more blacks are residing in the downtown areas of the city, while whites have moved to the outlying areas. (See Table VII)

TABLE V
Columbia City Police Department
Juvenile Arrests
1975 Calendar Year

Age	Total Arrests All Race and Sex	% of Total Arrested Age 7-16	Number of Children in County Population	% of Children This Age Arrested	Number per 100,000	% of County Population Arrested	Number per 100,000
7-10	91	7.154	18,274	0.498	498.0	0.036	36.0
11-12	132	10.377	9,333	1.414	1414.0	0.053	53.0
13-14	405	31.840	9,437	4.292	4292.0	0.162	162.0
15	284	22.327	4,860	5.844	5844.0	0.114	114.0
16	360	28.302	4,638	7.762	7762.0	0.144	144.0
Totals for Entire County	1,272	100.000	46,542	2.733	2733.0	0.510	510.0

TABLE VI
Juvenile Arrests
Columbia City Police Department
1975 Calendar Year

Age	Male	Number of Males in County Pop.	Percentage of Children This Sex Arrested	Number per 100,000	Female	Number of Females in County Pop.	Percentage of Children This Sex Arrested	Number per 100,000
7-10	86	9,241	0.931	931.0	5	9,033	0.022	22.0
11-12	113	4,603	2.455	2455.0	19	4,730	0.402	402.0
13-14	308	4,698	6.556	6556.0	97	4,739	2.047	2047.0
15	224	2,534	8.840	8840.0	60	2,326	2.580	2580.0
16	278	2,470	11.255	11255.0	82	2,168	3.782	3782.0
Totals for Entire County	1009	23,546	4.285	4285.0	263	22,996	1.144	1144.0

TABLE VII
 Juvenile Arrests
 Race Distribution
 Columbia City Police Department
 1975 Calendar Year

Age 7-16	White	Number of Children This Race in County	Percentage of Children This Race Arrested	Number per 100,000	Black	Number of Children This Race in County	Percentage of Children This Race Arrested	Number per 100,000
Totals for Entire County	471	27,720	1.699	1699.0	801	18,670	4.290	4290.0

Table VIII summarizes the arrest history of juveniles by the Eastover and Forest Acres Police Department for the 1975 calendar year. These two departments have been summarized together in this report since the number of arrests from each was not of great magnitude. These departments together arrested a total of 72 children in the 7-16 years age group during the 1975 calendar year. This figure represents a 190% increase over the number arrested by these departments during 1971. Only 1 child or 1.359% of the arrests made by these departments were in the 7-10 years age group; 5 or 7% in the 11-12; 21 or 29.2% in the 13-14; 14 or 19.4% in the 15; and 31 or 43.1% in the 16-year-old age group. Ages 15 and 16 alone accounted for 45 or 62.5% of the total number of arrests made by the Eastover and Forest Acres Police Departments. The total of 72 children arrested is equivalent to 155 arrests per 100,000 children in the age group 7 through 16 years. Based on the entire county population reduced to a 100,000 index, this is equivalent to 29 arrests per 100,000 population. (See Table VIII)

Table IX analyzes the juvenile arrests by the Eastover and Forest Acres Police Departments in terms of sex. Fifty-two (52) or 72% of the total arrests were males, while 20 or 28% were females. Males were arrested at a rate of 2.6 times that of females. During 1971, males accounted for 84% of the arrests made by these agencies, while females accounted for 16%. Thus, a 12% proportional increase in the number of females arrested during 1975 is noted. In Richland County, .221% of all males between the ages of 7 and 16 years were arrested by these Departments. This is equivalent to 221 arrests per 100,000. Only .087% of the arrests were females, which is equivalent to 87 arrests per 100,000. (See Table IX)

TABLE VIII

Eastover & Forest Acres Police Departments

Juvenile Arrests
1975 Calendar Year

Age	Total Arrests All Race and Sex	% of Total Arrested Age 7-16	Number of Children in County Population	% of Children This Age Arrested	Number per 100,000	% of County Population Arrested	Number per 100,000
7-10	1	1.389	18,274	0.005	5.0	0.001	1.0
11-12	5	6.944	9,333	0.054	54.0	0.002	2.0
13-14	21	29.167	9,437	0.222	222.0	0.008	8.0
15	14	19.444	4,860	0.288	288.0	0.006	6.0
16	31	43.056	4,638	0.668	668.0	0.012	12.0
Totals for Entire County	72	100.000	46,542	0.155	155.0	0.029	29.0

TABLE IX

Juvenile Arrests

Eastover & Forest Acres Police Departments
1975 Calendar Year

Age	Male	Number of Males in County Pop.	Percentage of Children This Sex Arrested	Number per 100,000	Female	Number of Females in County Pop.	Percentage of Children This Sex Arrested	Number per 100,000
7-10	1	9,241	0.011	11.0	0	9,033	0.000	0.0
11-12	2	4,603	0.043	43.0	3	4,730	0.063	63.0
13-14	13	4,698	0.277	277.0	8	4,739	0.169	169.0
15	12	2,534	0.474	474.0	2	2,326	0.086	86.0
16	24	2,470	0.972	972.0	7	2,168	0.323	323.0
Totals for Entire County	52	23,546	0.221	221.0	20	22,996	0.087	87.0

Table X reveals the race distribution of the arrests made by the Eastover and Forest Acres Police Departments during 1975. The only records available in terms of race were those for total arrests. Thirty-nine (39) or 54% of the children between 7 and 16 years were white, while 33 or 46% were black. During 1971, whites accounted for 58% of the arrests made by these Departments while blacks accounted for 42%. These figures indicate that blacks were arrested at a 4% higher rate during 1975 than during 1971. In Richland County, 0.141% of all white children of this age were arrested by this Department, which is equivalent to 141 per 100,000 population; .177% of the arrests were black, which is equivalent to 177 arrests per 100,000 population. (See Table X)

Table XI summarizes juvenile arrests in Richland County during 1975. A total of 2,342 children between the ages of 7 and 16 years were arrested during this year. This figure signifies a 40% net increase over the 1971 figures (1,672 arrests). On a per capita basis, this figure indicates a 31.4% increase. (See Figure I) The total number of juvenile arrests made during 1975 represents 5.032% of all children in this age group or 5,032 per 100,000. Based on the entire county population, this is equivalent to 939 arrests per 100,000 population. (See Table XI)

Table XII reveals the sex distribution of all the arrests made in Richland County during 1975. One thousand eight hundred twenty-eight (1,828) or 78% of the arrests made were males while 514 or 22% were females. During 1971, males accounted for 79% while females accounted for 21%. Thus, very little change has occurred with respect to the proportion of males and females. The 1975 figures indicate a 38.8% net increase in the number of males and a 45% net increase in the number of females as compared to the 1971 figures. On a per capita basis, these figures indicate a 30% increase in the number of males and

TABLE X

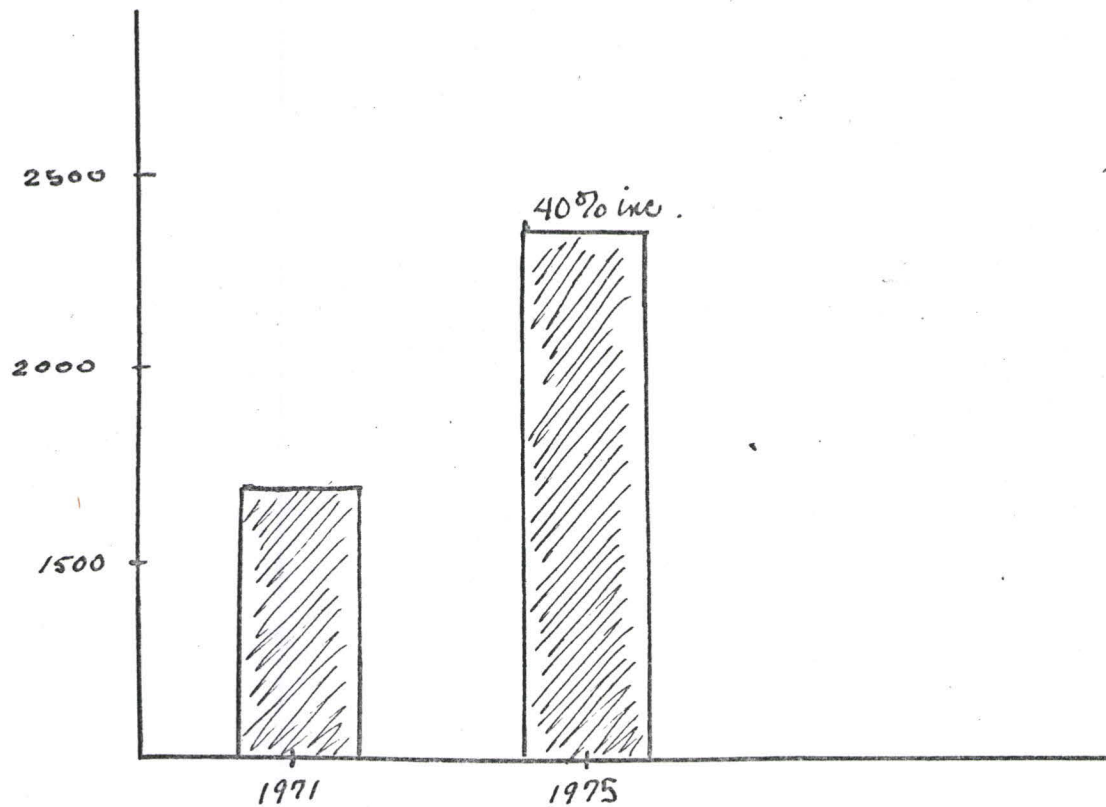
Juvenile Arrests
Eastover & Forest Acres Police Departments
1975 Calendar Year

Age 7-16	White	Number of Children This Race in County	Percentage of Children This Race Arrested	Number per 100,000	Black	Number of Children This Race in County	Percentage of Children This Race Arrested	Number per 100,000
Totals for Entire County	39	27,720	0.141	141.0	33	18,670	0.177	177.0

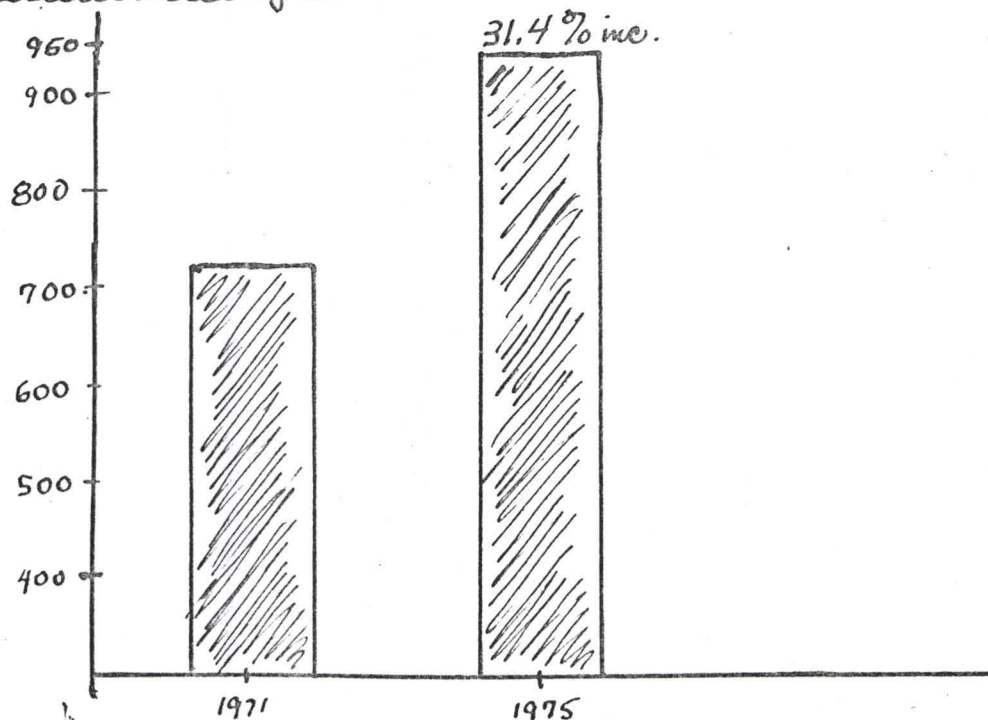
TABLE XI
Richland County
SUMMARY
Juvenile Arrests
1975 Calendar Year

Agency Total	Total Arrests All Sex and Ages	Number of Children in County 7-16 Years	Percentage of Children This Age Arrested	Number per 100,000	Percentage Arrested Total County Population	Number Arrested per 100,000
Richland Co. Sheriff Off.	998					
Columbia City P. D.	1,272					
Eastover P. D.	5					
Forest Acres P. D.	67					
Totals	2,342	46,542	5.032	5032.0	0.939	939.0

Fig. I - Total ARRESTS



A. Net change



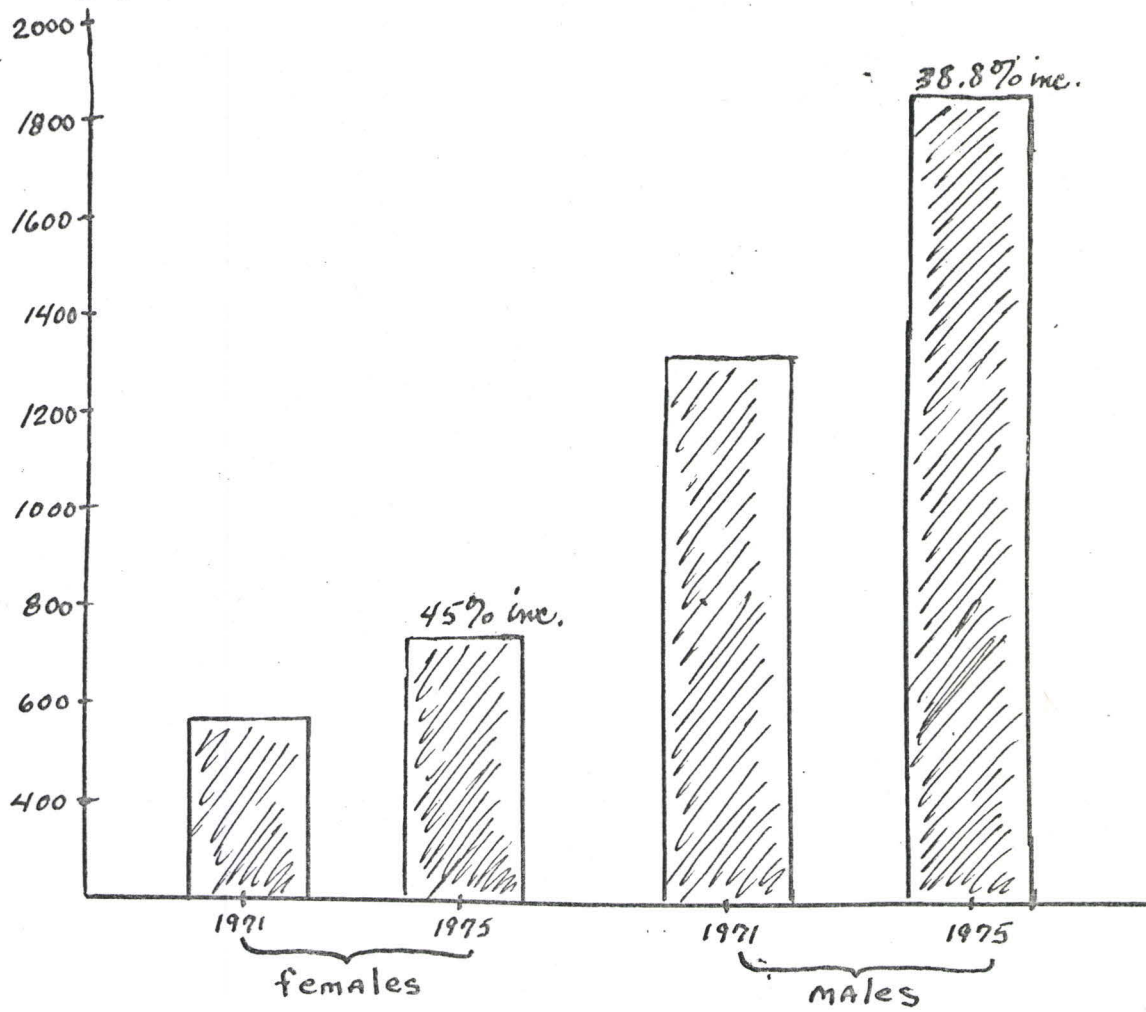
B. PER CAPITA CHANGE (BASED ON 100,000 Pop.)

a 36% increase in the number of females. (See Figure II) The 1975 figures reflect that 7.764% of all the males in the county and 2.235% of all the females between the ages of 7 and 16 years were arrested. Reduced to a 100,000 index, these figures are equivalent to 7,764 males and 2,235 females arrested per 100,000 population. (See Table XII)

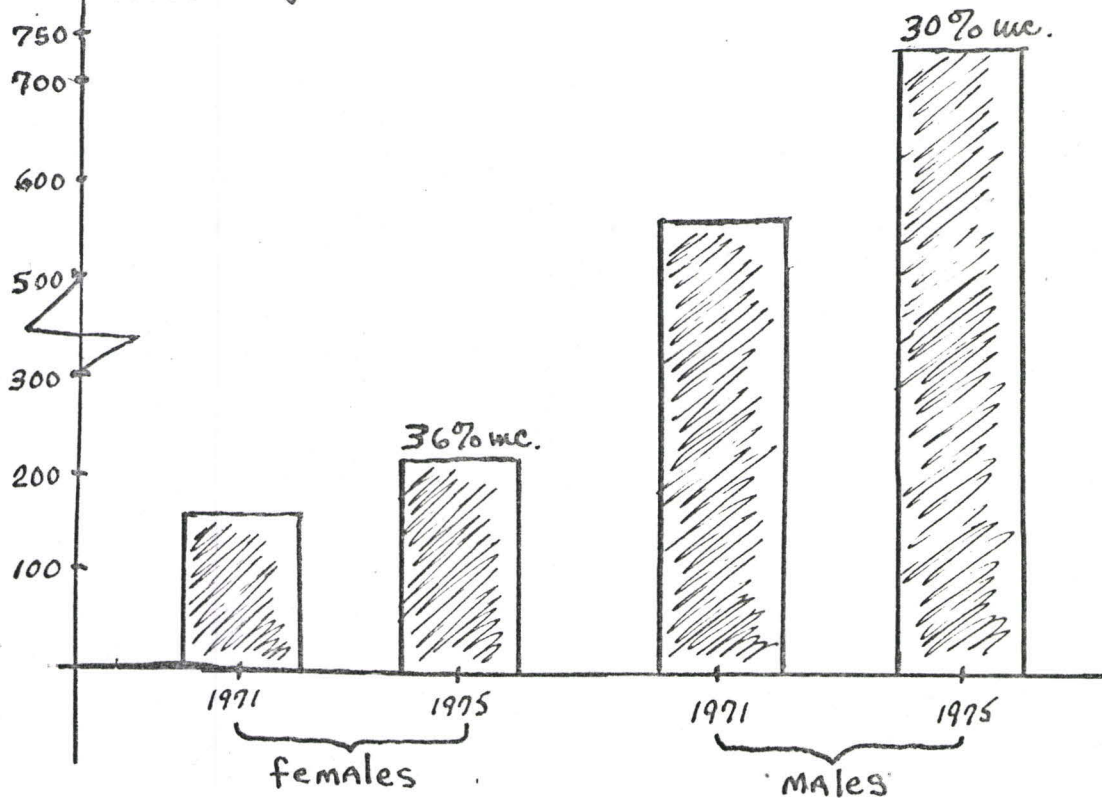
Table XIII summarizes juvenile arrests in Richland County during 1975 in terms of race. Whites accounted for 1,070 or 46% of the total arrested while blacks accounted for 1,272 or 54%. During 1971, whites accounted for 53.5% while blacks accounted for 46.5%. Thus, very little change has occurred in the proportion of whites and blacks arrested since 1971. The number of whites arrested is equivalent to 3.86% of all white children in this age group in Richland County. Reduced to a 100,000 index, this is equivalent to 3,860 arrests per 100,000 population. The number of blacks arrested is equivalent to 6.813% of all black children in this age group in Richland County. Reduced to a 100,000 index, this is equivalent to 6813.1 arrests per 100,000 population. Black children were arrested at a rate of 1.2 times that of white children in Richland County. (See Table XIII)

Figure III illustrates the monthly flow of juvenile arrests from each of the law enforcement agencies. The highest number of arrests made by the Columbia City Police Department occurred during the month of July (139) and its lowest occurred in November (62). Richland County Sheriff's Department reached its highest number of arrests during August (102) and it also reached its lowest number during November (56). Forest Acres arrested the highest number of juveniles during October (13) and reached its lowest during March (1). Eastover Police Department arrested 4 of its 5 juveniles during November. The other juvenile arrest made by this agency occurred during February. (See Figure III)

Fig II - Sex Distribution



A. Net change



B. PER CAPITA change (Based on 100,000 Pop.)

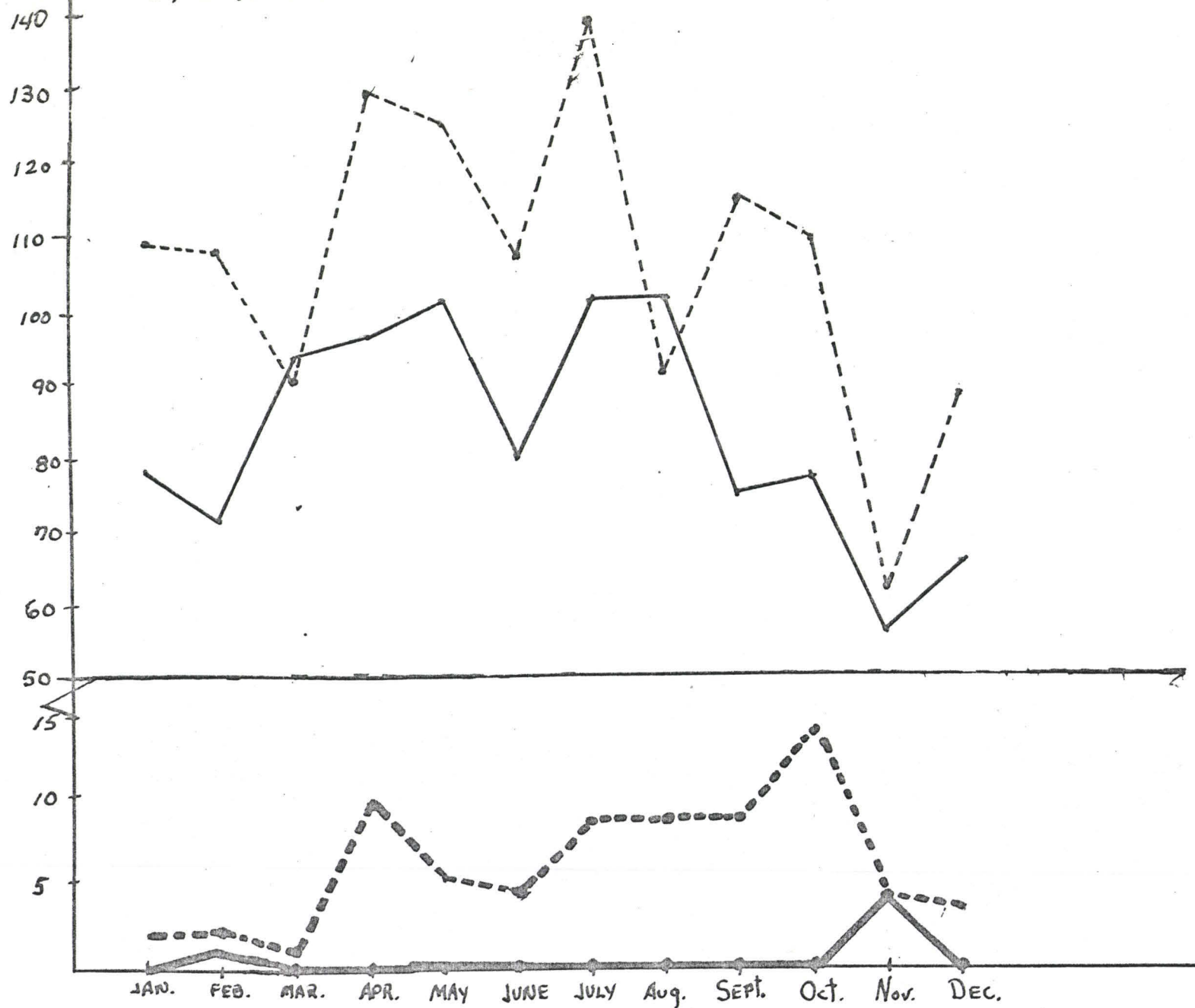
Table XII
 Richland County
 SUMMARY
 Juvenile Arrests
 1975 Calendar Year

Agency	Male	Number of Males in County Ages 7-16	Percentage of Children This Sex Arrested	Number per 100,000	Female	Number of Females in County Ages 7-16	Percentage of Children This Sex Arrested	Number per 100,000
Richland Co. Sheriff	767				231			
Columbia City P. D.	1009				263			
Eastover P. D.	4				1			
Forest Acres P. D.	48				19			
Totals	1828	23,546	7.764	7764.0	514	22,996	2.235	2235.0

Table XIII
 Richland County
 SUMMARY
 Juvenile Arrests
 1975 Calendar Year

Agency	White	Number of Children in County This Race	Percentage of Children This Race Arrested	Number per 100,000	Black	Number of Children in County This Race	Percentage of Children This Race Arrested	Number per 100,000
Richland Co. Sheriff	560				438			
Columbia City P. D.	471				801			
Eastover P. D.	3				2			
Forest Acres P. D.	36				31			
Totals	1070	27,720	3.860	3860.0	1272	18,670	6.813	6813.1

Fig. III - ARRESTS by MONTH



— Richland Sheriff's Dept.

—●— Columbia P.D.

— Eastover P.D.

--- Forest Acres P.D.

Table XIV analyzes broad classifications of arrests for the Richland County Law Enforcement Agencies. A total of 2,342 children between the ages of 7 and 16 years were arrested by the law enforcement agencies in this county. Six hundred thirty-nine (639) or 27.28% of the total arrests were for larceny; 380 or 16.22% for breaking and entering; 314 or 13.4% for status offenses; 143 or 6.11% for assault; and 127 or 5.42% for disorderly conduct. Other offenses against persons accounted for 234 or 9.99%; other offenses against property accounted for 172 or 7.34% while other offenses not classified accounted for 333 or 14.22%. (See Table XIV)

Table XV reflects the mean, variance and standard deviation in years of the juveniles arrested during 1975 by the Richland County Law Enforcement Agencies. The average age for all children arrested was 14.01 years with a standard deviation of 1.97. Table XV reveals this information in detail for each of the law enforcement agencies in Richland County. (See Table XV)

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The number of arrests made during 1975 have increased somewhat since 1971 (40%). On a per capita basis this increase is 31.4%. The total number of arrests on an overall county basis has not experienced a significant proportional change as far as the attributes of race and sex are concerned. The number of males arrested accounts for 78% of the total arrests while the number of females account for 22% which is the same percentage experienced during 1971. The percentage of whites and blacks arrested has remained the same over the years, whites accounting for 46% and blacks for 54%.

Table XIV
Richland County
Types of Juvenile Arrests
1975 Calendar Year

Type/%	Richland County Sheriff's Department	Columbia City P.D.	Eastover P. D.	Forest Acres Police Department	Totals
Murder %	0 0.0	2 0.16	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 0.08
Rape %	1 0.10	4 0.31	0 0.00	0 0.00	5 0.21
Robbery %	7 0.70	22 1.73	0 0.00	0 0.00	29 1.24
Assault %	82 8.22	57 4.48	1 20.00	3 4.48	143 6.11
Breaking/Entering %	199 19.94	175 13.76	0 0.00	6 8.96	380 16.22
Larceny %	288 28.86	323 25.39	1 20.00	27 40.30	639 27.28
Auto Theft %	19 1.90	33 2.59	0 0.00	0 0.00	52 2.22
Poss. of Weapons %	10 1.00	37 2.91	0 0.00	2 2.98	49 2.09
Vandalism %	44 4.41	16 1.26	0 0.00	0 0.00	60 2.56
Liquor Law %	30 3.01	25 1.96	0 0.00	1 1.49	56 2.39
Disorderly Conduct %	30 3.01	89 7.00	1 20.00	7 10.45	127 5.42
Runaway %	114 11.42	117 9.20	0 0.00	1 1.49	232 9.91
Curfew Violation %	0 0.0	82 6.45	0 0.00	0 0.00	82 3.50
Forgery/Counterfeit %	3 0.30	10 0.79	0 0.00	2 2.98	15 0.64
Drugs %	22 2.20	35 2.75	2 40.00	11 16.42	70 2.99
Receiving Stolen Propt. %	0 0.0	11 0.86	0 0.00	0 0.00	11 0.47
Offenses against Family & Children %	51 5.11	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	51 2.18
Sex Offenses %	3 0.30	3 0.24	0 0.00	0 0.00	6 0.26
Other %	95 9.52	231 18.16	0 0.00	7 10.45	333 14.22
TOTALS	998	1,272	5	67	2,342

Table XV
 Richland County
 Juvenile Arrests
 Mean-Variance-Standard Deviation
 1975 Calendar Year

Agency	Number	Mean in Years	Variance in Years	Standard Deviation in Years
Richland County Sheriff's Office	998	14.00	3.46	1.86
Columbia City P. D.	1,272	13.98	4.25	2.06
Eastover P. D.	5	14.30	8.56	2.93
Forest Acres Police Department	67	14.69	1.94	1.39
TOTALS	2,342	14.01	3.87	1.97

The picture changes slightly when analyzing the arrests from each of the agencies separately. In examining the arrests made by the Richland County Sheriff's Department, a 5% proportional increase has occurred in the percentage of females arrested (23%) as compared to that of males during 1971. Blacks (44%) were also arrested at a 7% higher rate than whites during 1975 as compared to the 1971 figures. This Department had an overall arrest increase of 23.4% during the four-year period.

The attributes of the arrests made by the Columbia Police Department also experienced similar changes. The number of arrests made during 1975 by this Department (1,272) represents a 54.2% increase over the 1971 arrests (825). The percentage of males arrested (79.3%) indicate a 4.1% proportional increase over the 1971 figures. The percentage of blacks arrested (63%) indicates a 4.4% proportional increase over the 1971 figures.

The total number of arrests made by Forest Acres and Eastover Police Departments together represent a 190% increase over the number arrested by these Departments during 1971. The percentage of females arrested (28%) experienced a 12% proportional increase over the 1971 figures. The percentage of blacks arrested (42%) represents a 4% proportional increase over the 1971 figures as compared with the percentage of whites.

The overall average age (14.01 years) has experienced very little change since 1971 (14.08 years).

No definite conclusions can be made as to what determines these proportional changes although it does seem to be a trend that is true in many of the counties that have been surveyed throughout the state.



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